

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification, canceled claims 1-150 and inserted new claims 151-214.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to insert a cross reference to United States nonprovisional application 09/500,080 filed February 8, 2000, from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

New Claims 151-214

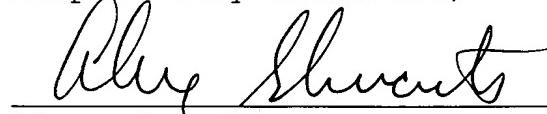
New claims 151-214 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. These new claims are directed to subject matter that is fully supported and justified by applicants' original specification and drawings. No new subject matter has been added.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application, including claims 151-214, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt consideration and allowance

of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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